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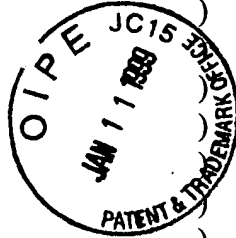
In re Application of:

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For: Mo-W MATERIAL FOR
FORMATION OF WIRING, Mo-W
TARGET AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND
Mo-W WIRING THIN FILM



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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to receiving an initial Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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